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SUBJECT: CIVIL AVIATION FLIGHT CLEARANCES

REF: A) BAGHDAD 917; B) BAGHDAD 954 (NOTAL) C) STATE

214300 (NOTAL)

1. DGCA OFFICIALS TOLD ME IN MEETING SEPTEMBER 17 THEIR
INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO DENY OVERFLIGHT OR LANDING CLEARANCES TO ALL
US-REGISTERED AIRCRAFT EXCEPT PAN-AMERICAN.

2. DGCA CAN AUTHORIZE US-REGISTERED AIRCRAFT OVERFLY IRAQ EN ROUTE
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TO IRAN IF AND ONLY IF RECEIVES VIA DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS GOVERNMENT

OF IRAN CERTIFICATION THAT (A) PLANES HAVE BEEN PURCHASED BY GOVERNMENT OF IRAN AND (B) REGISTRATION WILL BE CHANGED TO IRANIAN UPON ARRIVAL IRAN. SPECIFICALLY, THIS MUST BE DONE IN CASE OF 15 BEECHCRAFT BONANZAS (REF. A) -- ASSUMING IRANIAN GOVERNMENT IS CONSIGNEE.

3. REGARDING PROPOSED TWA CHARTER TO FLY BELL HELICOPTER PERSONNEL TO IRAN (REF C) DGCA SAID THIS IS POSSIBLE ONLY IF CARRIER IS PAN-AMERICAN OR NON-U.S. REGISTRY AIRCRAFT. TWA IS NOT RPT NOT AUTHORIZED OVERFLY IRAQ.

4. REGARDING REQUEST FOR OVERFLIGHT SEPTEMBER 20 BY LOCKHEED L-1329 JETSTAR, THIS IS DENIED ON BASIS OF GENERAL PRINCIPLE ENUNCIATED PARA A. DGCA HAS NO OBJECTION IF DEERE AND COMPANY CHAIRMAN HEWLITT WISHES USE NON-U.S. REGISTERED CHARTER AIRCRAFT. IF HIGHER AUTHORITIES (I.E. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE) SEEKS WAIVER ON BEHALF OF DEERE-CHARTERED LOCKHEED JETSTJR, WAIVER WILL BE GRANTED.

5. DGCA HAS DRAFTED PROTEST NOTE (NOT YET DELIVERED TO US) CHARGING SERIOUS VIOLATION BY THREE BEECHCRAFT BONANZA AIRCRAFT EN ROUTE TO IRAN ON SEPTEMBER 2ND. ACCORDING DGCA PLANES (1) WERE NOT CLEARED TO OVERFLY IRAQ; (2) REFUSED TO LAND AT BAGHDAD WHEN ORDERED; (3) TOOK ACTIONS CREATING A DANGEROUS SITUATION FOR REGULAR CIVIL AVIATION TRAFFIC.

6. COMMENTS ON PARAGRAPH ONE FOLLOW SEPTTEL.
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